THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) New Green field airports are likely to be operationalised at Hyderabad and Bangalore during the current financial year.

(b) to (d) It has been decided to set up a Green field airport with an estimated cost of Rs. 340 crore at Pakyong near Gangtok within a period of 36 months from the date of receipt of requisite clearance. The matter regarding funding pattern of the airport is under consideration of the Planning Commission.

Development of airport in Mumbai

178. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that City Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra has submitted at Master Plan accommodating two independent parallel runways proposal to Airports Authority of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that study conducted by International Civil Aviation Organization has suggested that simultaneous and independent operation of both Mumbai and Navi Mumbai Airports is feasible;

(d) if so, by when Government are going to approve the proposal; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. city and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra Limited (CIDCO) had submitted a detailed proposal for the construction of a new international airport at Navi Mumbai with two parallel runways capable of handling simultaneous operations independently.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) 'In principle' approval of the competent authority has already been conveyed at Government of Maharashtra.

(e) Does not arise.

Quality of runways

179. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study on the quality of runways particularly in metro cities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) The concerned airport-operators continuously monitor the quality of runway surface and runway strength at their respective airports to ensure that they are as per internationally prescribed standards and specifications. At the time of the commissioning of a